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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDONESIA: FMS

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1. GENERAL BENNY MURDANI HAS LEFT INDONESIA ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON VIA STOPS IN THE PHILIPPINES, SWITZERLAND AND WEST GERMANY. WE DO NOT HAVE A FIRM ARRIVAL DATE FOR WASHINGTON, BUT GENERAL NICHLAN, INDONESIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON WHO IS NOW VISITING JAKARTA, WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON LATER THIS WEEK AND WILL HAVE FULLER INFORMATION FROM MURDANI. ENROUTE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE FUNDING PROBLEMS WITH MURDANI FULLY AND FRANKLY. HE UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION. HE IS NOT COMING TO WASHINGTON TO PRESSURE US, BUT SPECIFICALLY AT THE REQUEST OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE JUSUF, TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHERE INDONESIA STANDS REGARDING PROCUREMENT UNDER FMS AND PROSPECTS FOR FINDING SOME WAY TO COVER THE SHORTFALL WHICH PRESIDENT SUHARTO DISCUSSED WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. WE WILL BE SENDING IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW WE BELIEVE THIS MIGHT BE DONE, BUT WE HAVE NO REVEALED WISDOM ON THIS MATTER AND STATE AND DOD HAVE PROBABLY ALREADY THOUGHT OF ALL AVAILABLE POSSIBILITIES.

2. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I AND ALL ELEMENTS OF THIS MISSION

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ARE STRESSING TO KEY INDONESIAN OFFICIALS THE TIGHTNESS OF FMS CREDITS AND THE BLEAK PROSPECT FOR THE FUTURE. I BELIEVE THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS SITUATION, ALTHOUGH THEY PROBABLY DO NOT YET ACCEPT IT. ON THEIR SIDE, THEY ARE STILL WAITING FOR AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO SUHARTO'S REQUEST TO THE VICE PRESIDENT.

3. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 4 REFTTEL, WE AGREE THAT SUHARTO ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE ACQUISITION OF SIXTEEN F-5S AND TO THE A-4S. THESE ARE HIS TOP PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, AS AN ARMY MAN HIMSELF, HE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING AN M-16 COPRODUCTION FACILITY TO PRODUCE A BASIC ASSAULT RIFLE. HE AND GENERAL JUSUF HAVE CHARGED MURDANI SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRYING TO WORK THIS OUT. IT MAY BE IN EXTREMIS THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO START FUNDING FOR THE M-16 PLANT FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES, BUT THIS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER NEEDED MILITARY ITEMS. MY OWN FEELING IS THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS AS WELL AS TO MEET INDONESIA'S BASIC AND JUSTIFIABLE MILITARY NEEDS, WE SHOULD DO OUR UTMOST TO FIND SOME WAY TO HANDLE ALL THREE REQUIREMENTS. THE ARMED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND SURVEILLANCE RADAR ARE OF A LOWER ORDER OF PRIORITY AND COULD PERHAPS BE HANDLED BY INDONESIA ITSELF. IF INDONESIA FUNDS THE RADAR, HOWEVER, IT MAY WELL GO TO A FOREIGN SUPPLIER RATHER THAN TO ITT SINCE FOREIGN SOURCES OFFER MORE ATTRACTIVE FINANCING.

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